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Financial implications of draft resolution in document TD/II/WG.III/L.5

Note by the UNCTAD Secretariat

1. Paragraph 10(a) of the draft resolution requestes the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to undertake studies of certain specific problems of land-locked countries which are estimated to require the equivalent of 12 months work by a professional, half of which would arise as a by-product of work being carried out by the Division for Invisibles.

2. Paragraph 10(c) calls for a comprehensive report identifying the most important special problems confronting land-locked countries. It is understood that under this paragraph the problem would be approached by calling a meeting of experts from the Governments of the countries concerned. Six months of professional time would be required to prepare the report in the light of the guidelines set forth by the representatives of the Governments concerned.

3. Paragraph 11 recommends that the Trade and Development Board establish a Standing Group of all interested land-locked, transit and other countries to deal with questions relating to land-locked countries. It is assumed the Group would meet annually for a period of two weeks with two meetings a day and have 150 pages of pre-session and in-session documents.

4. Summary of financial implications:

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- paragraph 10(a) and (c) - One professional staff member P-4	20,000
- paragraph 10(c) - Ad hoc group of expert government representatives	nil
- paragraph 11 - Standing Group to meet annually for 2 weeks	26,000